

## **Amendment offered by Mrs. Fischbach**

### **Brief Summary**

This amendment adds a Sense of the Committee to H.R. 7763 giving context to the reasons for the increased cost of fertilizer US agricultural producers are facing. The amendment further includes a fiscal year limitation for the authority of the fertilizer innovation grants so that the new program can be considered more fully as part of the Farm Bill discussions.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7763**  
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Page 1, after line 2, insert the following (and make such conforming changes as may be necessary):

1 **SEC. 1. SENSE OF THE COMMITTEE REGARDING FARM IN-**  
2 **PUTS.**

3 It is the sense of the members of the Committee on  
4 Agriculture that—

5 (1) record rising inflation has significantly in-  
6 creased the cost of farm inputs, including energy  
7 and fertilizer;

8 (2) policies harming energy independence have  
9 increased natural gas prices by 202 percent since  
10 January 2021—

11 (A) natural gas is the primary feedstock  
12 for nitrogen-based fertilizer, counting for 70 to  
13 90 percent of manufacturing costs;

14 (B) between 1999 and 2008, high natural  
15 gas prices forced closure of over half of domes-  
16 tic ammonia production, forcing domestic farm-  
17 ers to rely on more imports;

18 (C) the shale gas revolution brought back  
19 production, but extended high prices and a lack

1 of investment in capacity could threaten domes-  
2 tic production; and

3 (3) regulatory uncertainty that is stifling do-  
4 mestic fertilizer production should be streamlined,  
5 including by—

6 (A) withdrawing recent proposed revisions  
7 to the National Environmental Policy Act;

8 (B) allowing phosphogypsum (PG), a by-  
9 product of phosphate fertilizer production, to be  
10 safely recycled in road construction or other  
11 uses as allowed by the European Union/Europe  
12 and Canada, eliminating hundred of millions in  
13 compliance costs;

14 (C) updating the definition of “critical  
15 minerals” to include potash and phosphate; and

16 (D) increasing permitting for domestic en-  
17 ergy exploration and production.

Page 1, line 4, strike “The Secretary” and insert  
“For each of fiscal years 2023 and 2024, the Secretary”.

Page 4, line 14, strike “, to remain” and insert “for  
fiscal year 2023, to remain”.

